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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Note verbale dated 13 May 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations and has the honour to present Sweden's response to Security Council resolution 1533 (2004) on the situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo (see annex). Member States have been requested to report to the Committee on the adoption of the resolution, currently chaired by the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 13 May 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Sweden's response to United Nations Security Council resolution 1533 (2004) on the situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Sweden takes note of United Nations Security Council resolution 1533 (2004), adopted 12 March 2004, by which a Committee of the Security Council was established and tasked to seek information from all States regarding the actions taken to implement the measures imposed by paragraph 20 of resolution 1493 (2003) on the situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the actions taken to comply with paragraphs 18 and 24 of that resolution. All States are requested to report to the Committee within 60 days of the adoption of resolution 1533 (2004).

In response to Security Council resolution 1493 (2003), the European Union adopted Council Common Position 2003/680/CFSP of 29 September 2003, amending Common Position 2002/829/CFSP on the supply of certain equipment into the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in which Member States restated the application of an arms embargo and agreed to apply a prohibition on the supply of any assistance, advice or training related to military activities. Also in accordance with resolution 1493 (2003), Member States agreed to grant exemptions to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) and the integrated Congolese national army and police forces. These measures were implemented by Council Regulation (EC) No. 1727/2003 of 29 September 2003 concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of the Democratic Republic of Congo, which is directly applicable in all member States of the EU.

At the national level, the arms embargo is implemented by existing legislation, namely by the Swedish Military Equipment Act (1992:1300) and the Military Equipment Ordinance (1992:1303). Sanctions, by fines or imprisonment at most fours years, are provided in this Act and in Act 2000:1225 concerning penalties for smuggling.